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SUBJECT: AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND DONOR MEETING

1. FOR ABIDJAN: PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. LABIDI, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, FROM CHARLES A. COOPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY SIMON AND I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON REPLENISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (AFDF) IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24. AS I MENTIONED IN MY LAST LETTER, THE ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING AUTHO-  
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RIZATION FROM CONGRESS FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE AFDF. ON JULY 15, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE NATHANIEL DAVIS AND I TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN THE FUND

BEFORE A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE. WHEN THE CONGRESS RETURNS FROM ITS SUMMER RECESS, WE HOPE THE HOUSE WILL ACT ON THE LEGISLATION, POSSIBLY SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. THE SCHEDULE IN THE SENATE IS LESS CERTAIN.

I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO MEET WHILE YOU ARE HERE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE IBRD AND DEVELOPMENT COMMIT-

TEE MEETINGS. WE COULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE AFDF, AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF U.S. REPRESENTATION AT THE REPLENISHMENT MEETING IN BRUSSELS. IF IT WOULD BE CON- VIENT FOR YOU, I SUGGEST WE MEET AT 5:30 IN THE AFTER- NOON OF SEPTEMBER 4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW IF THIS SUITS YOU. IF IT DOES NOT, PLEASE SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE TIME.

SINCERELY YOURS,

CHARLES A. COOPER. END TEXT. SISCO

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